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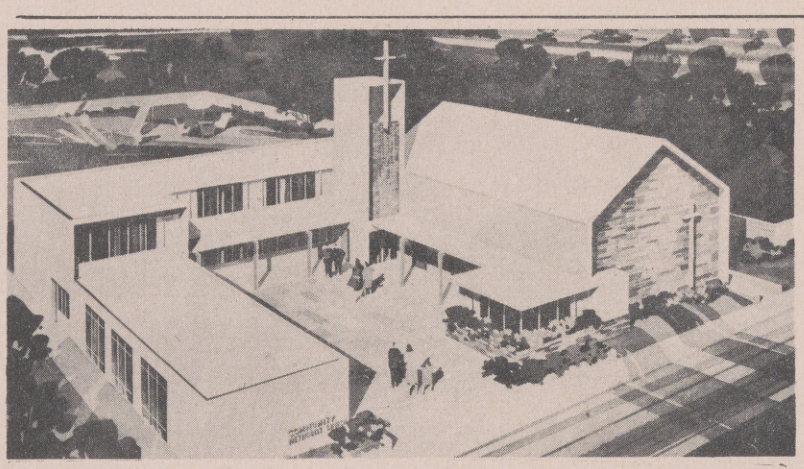


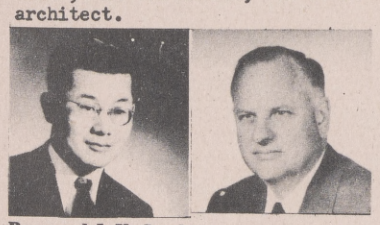
WEST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH'S new plant, at the cost of $120,000, is previewed through an architect's sketch.

West Los Angeles Tackles Gigantic Project

One of the largest projects ever attempted in our Annual Conference, a building goal of $120,000.00, was started on April 24 by the West Los Angeles Community Methodist Church. The proposed church building, which will occupy approximately 9,700 square feet, will include a large sanctuary and educational units for Church School, youth work and adult education programs. There will also be about 2,000 square feet of patio area. Dr. J. K. Sasaki is the pastor.

This gigantic undertaking was given a boost when the West Los Angeles Church was placed third on the Week of Dedication list. This means that the church will receive a gift of $35,000 from this offering to which all Methodists in the world contribute. On World Wide Communion Sunday, the members of the church worshiped together with the Westwood Methodist Church. The Westwood members gave an offering of $879.05 to the building fund, which was doubled by Mr. Edmund Lindop, a member of the Westwood Church and also Honorary Chairman of the West Los Angeles Building Committee, to make a total gift of $1758.10.

The Building Committee consists of Edmund F. Lindop, Honorary Chairman; Robert K. Goka, chairman; Sam S. Tateishi, Ujio Niwa, Koji Ikeda, Elmer Uchida, vice-chairmen; Nobuo Noda and Midori Nishi, secretaries; Steve Yagi, Takejiro Shimotsuka, treasurers; M. Tom Makino, A. I. A. architect.



Reverend J. K. Sasaki

Mr. Edmund F. Lindop

This House of God will be a blessing to West Los Angeles. This area is indeed one of the most challenging fields for evangelism and education of the Japanese-Americans in the United States. At present, there are some 6,000 living within the radius of three miles from the church.

SPECIAL SESSION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE CALLED BY BISHOP

A special session of our Annual Conference is being called by Bishop Donald H. Tippett on January 11, 1956, starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Wee Boys Lodge, Los Angeles. This is an official Adjourned Session of the Annual Conference and calls for the attendance of every minister and lay delegate of each church in the Annual Conference. Bishop Tippett is calling this official session for the following purposes:

1. Election of one ministerial and one lay delegate for our Provisional Annual Conference to the General Conference to be held in Minneapolis from April 25 through May 9, 1956. (This is the first time that the Japanese Provisional Conference has received this privilege.)

2. Election of main and alternate lay delegates to the Western Jurisdictional Conference at Colorado Springs.

3. Discussion of our priority list in relation to the Division of National Missions.

4. Discussion of the problem of integration.

5. Discussion of the youth programs in our churches.

CONFERENCE CHURCHES CHANGE THEIR NAMES

Three churches in our Pacific Japanese Provisional Annual Conference have changed their names in recent months. They are the Seattle, San Jose and Santa Maria charges. The Seattle Methodist Church became the Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, in memory of E. L. Blaine, Seattle Methodist pioneer. The San Jose Japanese Methodist Church became the Wesley Methodist Church, and the Santa Maria Union Church took the name of Christ Methodist Church.

Outstanding Northwest Methodist Young Peoples Conference Slated For Thanksgiving Weekend

"Forward with Christ" is the theme of this year's Northwest Methodist Young People's Conference, held at the Fawcett Avenue Methodist Church, Tacoma, Washington, from November 25th to the 27th. Tonney Yamane, one of Tacoma's active Christian leaders, will be general chairman, supported by his pastor, Rev. Alpha Takagi. Participating young people will come from Spokane, Hood River, Seattle, Wapato, Portland, Ontario, Idaho Falls and Tacoma. The conference hymn is "O Young and Fearless Prophet."

Two of Tacoma's outstanding Methodist speakers have been acquired for the conference. Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, president of the College of Puget Sound in Tacoma, will deliver the Sunday morning sermon. The College of Puget Sound is the only accredited four-year college owned by the Methodist Church in Washington. For the important Saturday night banquet at the Winthrop Hotel, the Rev. Robert G. Albertson, pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church will

speak. Mr. Albertson is the youngest son of Dr. Cyrus Albertson, pastor of the Seattle First Methodist Church.

Chairman Yamane has a host of fine young people aiding him in putting on this annual Thanksgiving vacation conference. Harumi Inouye is conference secretary and Beverly Yamamoto, the treasurer. Publicity and publications will be handled by Ryo Inouye with Marianne Kusaka directing the conference picture. The important post of housing is under Nancy Inouye and the welcome and registration committee, under Frank Fujitani. Benny Hikogawa will handle transportation as will Shirley Kawamoto, the social committee. The banquet, decorations and general arrangements are to be supervised by Kathryn Hirose, Mason Shirozu and Tamio Yanagawa respectively.

N.W. Y.P. CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, Tonney Yamane, with helpers, Shirley Kawamoto, Nancy Inouye.

The following program has been tentatively set:

I. First Session
- A. The Power of Prayer
  - What is prayer?
  - Why pray?
  - Ways to pray
- B. Christian Standard
  - How may we know what is right and wrong?
  - What is sin?
  - Response of men to God

II. Second Session
Social Relationships
- A. Junior High
  - Deciding for yourself
  - Getting along with people
  - Growing up
- B. Senior High
  - What's ahead for you?
  - Boy meets girl
  - Wise use of leisure time
- C. College and Adults
  - Integration or segregation
  - War or world brotherhood
  - Christian stewardship

Mrs. Frank H. Smith Ill at Glendale Home

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Herron Smith, our former superintendent, were visited by Supt. Taro Goto, Rev. J. Yamashita, Rev. Y. Yamaka and Mr. D. Kiyohara. Mrs. Smith has been ill for many months, and Dr. Smith has faithfully taken care of her. Keep them in your prayers.

JIM McGIFFIN speaks to Santa Maria teachers -- Alice Konishi, Claire Yoshihara, Helen Yokoyama and Ruth Ann Higashi.

LA's Centenary Methodist Church Inaugurates Two Morning Worship Services

The Centenary Methodist Church at Los Angeles has announced that two Nisei morning worship services are to be held beginning on November 6, 1955. The early service is scheduled from 9:40 a.m. to 10:20 a.m., with the regular Sunday worship at 11:00 a.m.

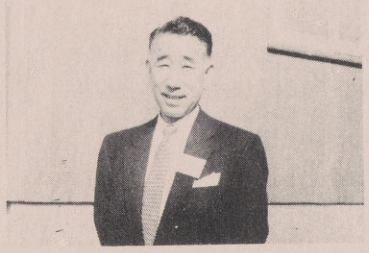
According to Kaz Saito, chairman of the Commission on Evangelism and Membership of Centenary, this early service on Sunday will be a "godsend" to the Sunday School parents. In the past, the lack of this early service often necessitated three trips between church and home on the part of many parents. With the inception of this additional service, parents may worship while their children are attending Church School.

Pausing at the fountain

Matthew 25:14 "..A man...called his servants and entrusted to them his property; ...to each according to his ability."

Of Jesus' 36 recorded parables we find that thirteen of them, or a third, deal with the idea of stewardship. Jesus keeps saying over and over that all that we are endowed with on this good earth is a trusteeship from our Creator Father. Our very lives are a gift from our Maker.

Every day in every way we should say then: "God and I are in business together." When we make this affirmation, we begin to draw upon the unlimited resources of God. We don't bank on our limited and feeble talents along. We begin to work as a significant cog in "Operation God." Augustine found out that without God he was nothing, just a nervous wreck; but with God he had a world to win and eternal life. Sebastian Bach was able to write immortal music as he signed his compositions: "Only



Rev. H. John Yamashita
Centenary Methodist Church
Los Angeles, California

for the glory of God and with the help of Jesus Christ."

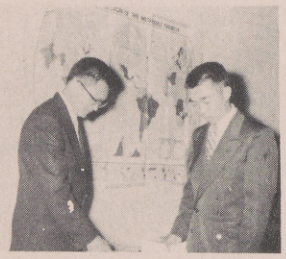
Elton Trueblood put the idea of stewardship this way: "A man has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of life when he plants shade trees under which he knows full well he will never sit." And Edmund Burke expressed it: "Society is a compact between the living, the dead, and the yet unborn." Someone has said, "Even a fool can count the apples in a tree but it takes a wise man to count the trees in an apple." The wise men are stewards of God.

Lay Leader Shimomura Urges Retreat Attendance

The new Annual Conference Lay Leader, Eddie Shimomura of Seattle, urges as many Nisei laymen as possible to turn out for the special Lay Retreat that transpires on January 9-13 at the We Boys Lodge in Southern California. The Lodge is situated near the beautiful and sunny beaches of Santa Monica.

Mr. Shimomura asks for everyone's support on the Lay recommendations which were approved at Berkeley concerning the Lay Activities Fund. This is raised by the assessment of $1.00 from every Nisei member in the Conference. The Fund will be distributed as follows:

1/3 of entire Fund to Nisei Ministers Scholarship Fund.
Balance broken down as:
- 20% Retired Ministers
- 20% Minimum Salary Fund
- 20% Jojo Sakakibara
- 20% Lay Activities
- 10% Mrs. Kay Takagishi
- 10% District Lay Leaders Fund



MISSION SKIT goes over at Annual Conference, with Wesley Yamaka directing.

BISHOP DONALD H. TIPPETT ordains to Elder Orders, Rev. Wesley Yamaka and Rev. Frank Iritani.

New MYF Organized at Fresno Church

On September 29, the Fresno Japanese Methodist Church broadcasted the good news that a Methodist Youth Fellowship was organized. First president is Ellen Yamanaka. Other officers are Kenny Kai, vice president; Deanna Wakida, secretary-treasurer; Sammy Oda, Worship; Dickie Mayeda, Recreation; Freddy Yamamoto, Missions; Allison Yamanaka, Publicity. The advisors are Mrs. Grace Oda and Miss Nan Tanouye with Yoshio Kai and Ken Mayeda helping the boys.

Alameda Methodist Church Repairs Property Under New Full Time Pastor

Buena Vista Methodist Church in Alameda, with Rev. Frank Iritani at the helm, completed a major roof repair on the church property and also installed new recreational equipment for the Church School. Mr. Iritani is serving his first year as a full time minister, having graduated from the Pacific School of Religion last June.

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MYF Officers Retreat Successfully Conducted at Monte Toyon Camp

As one of the first of its kind in the Annual Conference, a successful Methodist Youth Fellowship Officers Retreat was held for the San Francisco Bay Area at Monte Toyon Methodist Conference Grounds near Santa Cruz. Mary Nishimoto of Oakland and Sue Yusa of Berkeley took care of registration and the secretarial work. The main speakers of the Retreat were Jim McGiffin and Rev. Norman L. Concard, District Superintendent of the Metropolitan Area.

Some of the important emphasis given by the Director of Christian Education and Youth Work of the Outpost and Mission Conferences were as follows:

1. Life is a continual search for values. There are many levels of values. The highest is the religious. That is, in the words of Jesus, "the abundant life."
2. Play and recreation is an important, but not the whole of a M.Y.F. program.
3. The successful M.Y.F. program is a planned program. Planning is imperative and is the responsibility of the officers and the advisors.
4. The Official Board should make policies regarding social dancing in the local church. Social dancing in a way is limiting. Folk dancing gets more people to participate and less standing around.
5. The basis of any M.Y.F. program is the needs of the group. There are felt needs and unfelt needs. Then needs are unfelt, various techniques may be used to create interest.
6. Establish a M.Y.F. budget and include in it the M.Y.F. Fund.

Oakland Methodists Try Integration

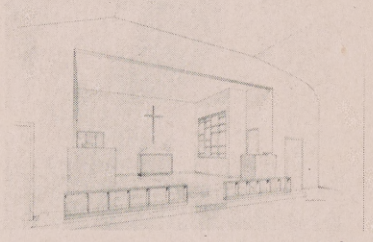
Call it "dynamic integration," Rev. Casper Horikoshi reported, as his West Tenth Methodist Church of Oakland joined with the Montclaire Methodist Church to observe World Wide Communion Sunday, October 2nd. Besides attending the worship and Holy Communion together, the Church School children also attended the Montclaire classes. Mr. Horikoshi said, "Everybody witnessed the joy and peace of Christian fellowship from beginning to end." Following the service a fellowship tea with coffee and senbei was enjoyed by both congregations.

New Sunday School

A branch Sunday School was formed by the Christ Methodist Church of Santa Maria in the Arroyo Grande, Grover City area on November 6th. The first Sunday School session was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Ikeda of Arroyo Grande.

Loomis Photograph

In behalf of the Loomis Nisei W.S.C.S., Dorothy Hirakawa presented their Sunday School with a three-speed phonograph machine at their recent Rally Day program. Mrs. Taki Okusu is the president. The pastor of the church is Rev. Susumu Kuwano.



PORTLAND CHAPEL will have this new look after remodeling.

Portland's Epworth Plans Remodeling

A $20,000 project for their church addition is now being undertaken at the Epworth Methodist Church in Portland, Oregon, under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. Yasuharu Osuga. The plans include: (1) the enlargement of the sanctuary to seat 350, (2) two more Church School rooms, (3) an adequate kitchen, (4) a church parlor to be used as a classroom, (6) plastic moveable partitions in the social hall to provide additional classrooms.

Co-chairmen of the Building Committee are Mr. Masuo Yasui and Mr. Albert Naito. Dr. Keisaburo Koyama will be assisting. Mr. Takajiro Yoshizawa and Miss May Abe are the secretaries. Mr. R. Maeda and Mr. G. Azumano are the treasurers and are to be assisted by Mr. T. Yamada. The building architect and designer is Mr. George Furusho.

Rev. Masaji Goto To Indiana Meeting

Rev. Masaji Goto, Denver Nisei pastor was a recent delegate from our Annual Conference to the National Town and Country Conference, which was held in Bloomington, Indiana. The theme of the Conference was "Town and Country Methodism, Facing the Next Half-Century." Mr. Goto reported that the study groups on "The Annual Conference Commission on Town and Country" and "Rural Evangelism" were outstanding.

The latter study group indicated the need of many things such as:

1. Rural Revival, with simultaneous visitation and preaching.
2. Laymen's Witness Mission, a weekend program of evangelism by laymen.
3. Mission to Members, a six-week' program built around Holy Habits.
4. Church Attendance Movement.
5. Prayer Movement, that os establishing prayer groups and family worship.
6. Community Evangelistic Crusade, a complete pattern of evangelism for all churches in the community.

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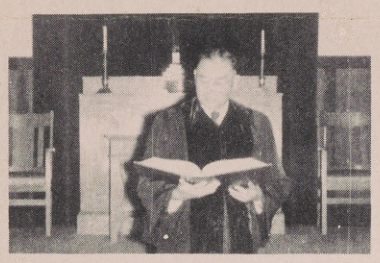
Parsonage & Automobile Fund Gets Good Start At Christ Methodist

The new Parsonage and Church Car Fund of Christ Methodist Church, Santa Maria, got off with a tremendous jump, when fourteen members of the Official Board alone pledged nearly $6,000 towards the project on October 23rd. Bob Shigenaka, president of the Methodist Men, has been appointed chairman of the fund drive. Mr. Shigenaka's immediate Steering Committee members are H. Fuchiwaki, D. Kamitsuka, T. Shigenaka and Kazuo Fujinami.

To give aid to these leaders, a Building Committee consisting of the following folks have been organized: J. Yamada, H. Dohi, I. Inouye, Kane Araki, Tomo Sakaji, Mrs. Kane Araki, Mrs. John Kawachi, Mrs. Frank Yoshihara, Mrs. K. Kamitsuka, Mrs. S. Ikeda, R. Miyoshi, Mrs. Jim Agawa, G. Utsunomiya and Henry Shimomi.

The Santa Maria Church was host to over 200 people at their recent Celebration banquet and Southern California District Conference on September 24-25. A barbeque dinner was given to announce that the church had become a full-fledged Methodist Church. The main speaker of the evening was Dr. Douglas Walters, Superintendent of the Long Beach District. Dr. J. K. Sasaki and Rev. John Yamashita delivered the Sunday morning messages. The Conference adjourned with a box-lunch picnic at Pismo Beach.



HANDWRITTEN BIBLE is held by the Rev. J. C. Kono.

Minister Receives Hand Painted Bible

The Rev. Juhei C. Kono of the Blaine Memorial Methodist Church of Seattle, is seen holding one of the two hand-copied Bibles that was given to him by Mr. Yokichi Nakanishi of Fife, Washington. Mr. Nakanishi, a pioneer farmer, decided to copy the Bibles as a means of learning the Word of God. So after his retirement at 75 and the passing of his wife, he has copied with a Japanese brush, three volumes of the New Testament and two volumes of the Holy Bible.

Mr. Nakanishi at 84, testifies that "his hands shake, but once he takes up his brush, the shaking stops, and he feels 'someone' guiding his hand." Rev. J. C. Kono, who received one of these Bibles as a gift stated that it will be used as a witness of Divine experience as well as of Divine power which was revealed through this courageous man. Over five million words were copied by brush by this octogenarian. Mr. Nakanishi is still copying today in order to be with God's Word and to receive His inspiration, day after day.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHURCH ON HALF WAY MARK TOWARDS COMPLETION

Stained Glass Gift From First Church

"Nearly fifty percent of the $13,000 expansion program has been completed," stated Rev. Jutaro Yokoi, pastor of the San Gabriel Valley Japanese Methodist Church. The work began when ground was broken on September 3, 1955. The El Monte congregation has responded to the task, not only with their prayers and their money, but have been putting in time and talent amounting to two and one-half persons working per day.

A wonderful gesture towards this building activity came from the First Methodist Church of El Monte, which gave a stained glass window (57" x 78") for the new chapel. It is a portrait of Christ carrying in His arms, one of his sheep.

MARTHA KAWAGUCHI with Kappa Phi friends in Colorado.

College Youth Goes to Kappa Phi Convention

Martha Kawaguchi, University of Washington coed and active member of the Seattle Church, was one of the delegates sent to the Kappa Phi National Council of Chapters, held at the University of Colorado. The Wesleyan Fellowship of the Blaine Memorial Methodist Church sponsored a cookie sale and raised about forty dollars to help Martha make the trip. Martha's report of the Council is as follows:

This past summer, nearly three hundred girls from throughout the United States met on the beautiful campus of the University of Colorado for the Kappa Phi National Council of Chapters. This organization for Methodist women students seeks to promote fellowship and provide leadership opportunities that we might become leaders in our churches of tomorrow.

From the opening session, presided by national president, Mrs. Mark Stock, a Methodist minister, to the closing Communion Service, the days were filled with inspiring and unforgetful experiences.

Pine's MYF Cabinet

The new Pine Methodist Church Senior M.Y.F. cabinet was elected on September 23rd. The new officers for the coming year are Tsuneo Inouye, president; Suzu Matsuda, vice-president; Patti Oyama, secretary; Gordie Kaneko, treasurer and John Tsukamoto and Neil Urano, co-editors. Kunio and Mary Ishii are advisors.

Rev. I. Shaver Returns

Occupying Rev. Jun Fujimori's pulpit on October 30th at Ontario, Oregon, were the Rev. and Mrs. I. L. Shaver, who are missionaries to Japan. During the war years, the Shavers helped the Japanese-Americans tremendously.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM FOR NORTHWEST YP TACOMA CONFERENCE

Friday, November 25

3:30 p.m. Registration
5:00 p.m. Period to get settled
6:30 p.m. Games -- volley ball, etc.
7:00 p.m. Community singing
7:30 p.m. Organized games
8:30 p.m. Square Dance
9:45 p.m. Communion Service
10:40 p.m. Refreshments

Saturday, November 26

8:45 a.m. Business meeting
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Orientation
10:30 a.m. Discussion period
11:30 a.m. Coffee break
11:45 a.m. Discussion period
1:00 p.m. Luncheon
2:00 p.m. Recreation
6:00 p.m. Banquet
Speaker -- Rev. Robert Albertson
7:30 p.m. Singspiration
8:00 p.m. Local Talents
9:00 p.m. Social

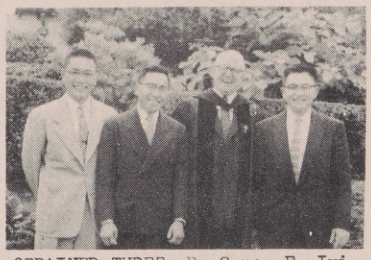
Sunday, November 27

9:45 a.m. Morning Devotion
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Message: Dr. Franklin Thompson
12:00 noon Conference picture
12:15 p.m. Luncheon

MYF Jamboree Due At Loomis Church

The Loomis Methodist Church MYF'ers are getting ready to host the Sacramento Valley M.Y.F. Jamboree on December 3, 1955. This year's theme is "Adventures in Fellowship." Loomis M.Y.F. president, Naomi Takahashi, will be planning the program with her cabinet, which consists of vice president--Elaine Omachi, secretary-publicity--Hideo Morimoto, treasurer--Dave Takagishi, Jr., Christian Faith and Witness--Helen Kuwano, Christian Citizenship and Outreach--Hannah Takahashi, Fellowship--Stan Kuwano.

SC DISTRICT DELEGATES -- Rev. W. Oyanagi, Rev. K. Sasaki, Bill Ujifusa, George Yamaka, Kaz Saito, Seiken Nakayama, K. Asano



ORDAINED THREE, R. Sano, F. Iritani, W. Yamaka smile with their Bishop Donald H. Tippett.

Perfect Attendance

Congratulations are in order for Hisako Moriguchi of Seattle, who was recently awarded a nine-year perfect attendance pin.

MYF DELEGATES -- George Nishikawa, Joyce Imazeki, Akio Inouye, Yvonne Fujimoto, enjoying the Purdue Conference.

Four Young People Travel To Purdue Convocation

George Nishikawa, Yvonne Fujimoto, Akio Inouye and Joyce Imazeki attended the National Convocation of Methodist Youth at Purdue University this summer. This is the first time that our Annual Conference has had any representation at gatherings of this sort. These fortunate MYF'ers met with five thousand other Methodist Youth to hear such great speakers as Dr. Hitt Crane, Bishop G. Bromely Oxnam and Bishop Gerald Kennedy.

The four delegates were aided financially by the Pine Methodist Church and the Board of Education of our Conference. Comprehensive reports of the Convocation can be obtained from Rev. W. Oyanagi, chairman of the Conference Board of Education.

LAYMEN RETREAT SCHEDULED FOR LA

In addition to the Official Adjourned Session of the Annual Conference and the Pastors' School, a Conference-wide Laymen Retreat is being planned by the Conference Board of Lay Activities. The meetings will be held from January 8th to the 10th in Los Angeles.

Central Cal District WSCS Elects Officers at Florin

The Florin Methodist Church went all out to be good hosts to the Central California District W.S.C.S. Conference in October. Mrs. Ishikawa of Florin was elected president of the District for the coming year. Host pastor was the Rev. Sadao Masuko. Guest speakers were Dr. and Mrs. William Kerr, who also showed colored slides of Japan.

A turkey dinner was served the delegates by these folks: Mary Ishikawa, Kazuko Sasakihara, Sue Okamoto, Doris Taketa, Frances Kushi, Edith Ouchida, Judy Gotan, Grace Niki, Haruko Mizoguchi, Grace Dakuzaku, Yvonne Umeda, Carole Asahara, Florence Mizoguchi and Janet Masuko.

Reedley Celebrates First Anniversary

The newly organized Methodist Fellowship Church of Reedley will hold their First Anniversary celebration on November 28, at the Reedley First Methodist Church. A dinner meeting for this occasion is being planned by the Official Board, composed of George Katsuki--chairman, Kei Kitahara, George Araki, Bill Minami, Dr. Akira Tajiri, and Eddie Yano.

Pacific Advance Sponsors outstanding Laymen Award contest for coming Annual Conference

Who is the outstanding Japanese-American Methodist layman in the Pacific Japanese Provisional Annual Conference? The Pacific Advance realizes that there are many wonderful and dedecated laymen in every charge. The staff feels that these folks should be recognized, so the Outstanding Layman Award has been originated. By next May, the Advance will be mailing to every church in the Conference a questionnaire whereby applicants for the award may be submitted. The judging committee will consist of Bishop Donald Tippett and Superintendent Taro Goto.

The Methodist man or woman chosen for this honor will have their fare paid to the Annual Conference session by Pacific Advance Business Manager, Min Kanazawa, and a plaque will be awarded at one of the main conference banquets.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA METHODIST DISTRICT CONFERENCE DELEGATES pose before the Fresno Methodist Church.

Central California Elects New Lay Leaders

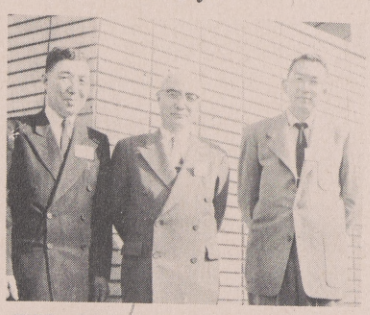
Mr. I. Kirihara of Livingston and Mr. George Katsuki of Reedley were elected Issei and Nisei Lay Leaders of the Central California District at a successful district meeting held at the Fresno Methodist Church on October 17th. Supt. Taro Goto and District Assistant Isaac Inouye were in charge.

The meeting closed with a banquet at Dante's Italian Restaurant with Ken Mayeda as toastmaster. During the banquet, Rev. Keiichi Imai was recognized upon his retirement after many years of service for the Lord. Mr. Imai's last charge was in Bakersfield.

Rev. Harper Sakaue, host pastor, reported that the Fresno Methodist Church will enter the last phase of their building program, having purchased new property and completed a new parsonage. At present, funds are being collected to build a sanctuary.

SEMINARY STUDENTS

George Nishikawa, one of our future ministers, sends his warmest greetings from the Boston School of Theology. His address is 745 Commonwealth Ave. Boston, Mass. Our other student is Tom Nakagawa, a senior at the Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois, another top Methodist seminary.



SUPT. TARO GOTO, with Rev. Francis Hayashi and Kaz Saito, looks pleased at the outcome of Annual Conference in Berkeley.

MINISTERS WIVES FORM NEW GROUP

A new organization has been formed in the Annual Conference. With Mrs. Donald Tippett as advisor, a ministers' wives group met for the first time at Berkeley, during the 16th Annual Conference. Mrs. J. K. Sasaki of West Los Angeles is the first president, and Mrs. Waichi Oyanagi of Oxnard, the secretary. The club has already published a news sheet called the "Parsonage Queen."

DR. K. SASAKI AND REV. L. WAKE explain the TV camera to fellow ministers, Waichi Oyanagi, Paul Hagiya and John Yamashita, at the recent television workshop in San Francisco.

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Chairman J. C. Kono Sets Forth Evangelism Program For Conference Churches

The Rev. J. C. Kono represented our Annual Conference at the Evangelism Conference, held at Oklahoma A. and M. in Stillwater from October 13 to 18. All Conference and District secretaries of Evangelism of the whole nation attended this meeting, planned by the National Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church.

One of the outcomes of this conference was the adoption of an evangelism program for the year 1956-57, with special emphasis on mass evangelism through the help of the great Australian evangelist, Dr. Allen Walker. These special programs will cover an eight-day evangelistic thrust on the part of the Methodist Church to seek, witness, win and establish the unchurched of the community in Christian faith, fellowship and service.

Mr. Kono had this to say about his attendance at this important gathering. "The Conference was very beneficial, inspiring and encouraging and perhaps the most important conference ever held. My impression regarding our own Pacific Japanese Provisional Conference is that every minister must train and educate the members with a spirit to win souls; the method and technique in evangelism of visitation and witnessing. The prayer movement among the Issei has been carried satisfactorily, but not among the Nisei. The Nisei must be taught the value and effect of the prayer life. For prayer is afterall, the generator and the powerhouse of our Christian Church and the Christian life."

New Daughter Arrives

The Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Inouye of the Dinuba Methodist Church became happy parents for the first time in September, having adopted a fifteen year old girl. Her name is Kikuko, a graduate of Osaka Jogakuin.

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MRS. TOYOHIKO KAGAWA is pictured with Mrs. J. C. Kono in Seattle.

SEATTLE NISEI WSCS HOSTS MRS. TAGAWA

Mrs. Toyohiko Kagawa was honored by Seattle's Blaine Memorial Methodist Church W.S.C.S. Chapter II, last June, at a fellowship hour in the home of of Mr. and Mrs. George Yanagimachi. Nearly forty Nisei women were inspired by Mrs. Kagawa's warm personality and her story about her husband, Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, one of the world's great Christian leaders.

A beautiful orchid corsage was presented to the distinguished guest as well as an offering which was taken that evening. Mrs. Joe Yada, Mrs. Yeichi Kozu and Mrs. William Nakako were in charge of refreshments.

LIVINGSTON

The Livingston Grace Methodist Church has welcomed their new pastor, Rev. Wesley Yamaka, with open arms. Mr. Yamaka is a recent graduate of the Pacific School of Religion. The church has purchased a new automobile as its latest project.

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Los Angeles Centenary Methodist Church makes ready for 1954 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HOST PASTORS: Y. YAMAKA

The Rev. Yuzuru Yamaka of the Centenary Methodist Church not only receives the honor of being one of the host pastors of this year's Annual Conference, but will also be honored as one of the retiring ministers, having served forty-seven years for God and His Kingdom.

Mr. Yamaka's ministry began in 1907, after graduating from our Methodist college, the Aoyama Gakuen in Japan. He also attended Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey. The outstanding servant in our Provisional Conference holds the distinction of serving the largest church in the Conference for twenty-three years. His lifetime itinerary is as follows:

1907-1909 Ono, Fukui Ken and Yamagata, Japan
1909-1912 Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii
1912-1921 Fresno, Sacramento, New York, Vacaville, Berkeley and Florin
1921-1931 Seattle, Washington
1931-1954 Los Angeles

PURPOSE OF PACIFIC PROVISIONAL

by Joe Yasaki, Editor
Centenary Chimes

The main purpose of an annual conference is to "unite the churches of a given section---to unite for purposes of administration, mutual help and cooperative effort," according to Dr. Frank H. Smith.

There are many facets to the work of a Pacific Japanese Provisional Annual Conference, but the important works are three:

1. To hear the reports of the pastors and delegated on the work carried out at each church during the past year.
2. To make plans for the coming year, to ensure that the pastors assigned to the churches are suitable, and to encourage each church to advance the work of Christ.
3. To secure and accept young men for the ministry, to ensure they receive the necessary examination, and to ordain them as ministers.

The personnel who take part in the sessions of the Annual Conference include both ministers and laymen.

REV. JOHN YAMASHITA

CENTENARY WELCOMES YOU!

Centenary members put new look on Church by Remodeling Project

"A new look" will greet the Annual Conference delegates at Centenary Methodist in Los Angeles, thanks to the leadership of the Methodist Men of that church, who got the different organizations to undertake the $7,500 remodeling project. Co-chairmen George Yamaka and Robbin Kaneko have been down to the church every night since Easter to lead the different crews at work.

This remodeling began with the cleaning and patching of the church's woodwork and walls. Next came the painting of the kitchen and the entire basement. Refrigerator, coffee-maker, garbage disposal were installed as well as fluorescent lighting for the entire basement. The heaters were aluminum-sprayed. The men next swarmed on the parlor repainting and restaining plus adding fluorescent lighting.

The main sanctuary was tiled, involving sanding, applying adhesive, laying tarpaper, re-applying adhesive and laying, waxing and polishing the tile. The north entrance and stairways received a coat of paint and varnish also. As the Pacific Advance went to press, reports from the southland had the crews building a new chancel.

Somewhere in between is scheduled "operations landscape" when the whole area outside the main building will be newly planted and landscaped.

A lot of credit goes to the Junior Matrons and CMAF women, who graciously served refreshments nightly to the workers. Co-chairman George Yamaka summed up the reason for the success of the project when he stated, "76 women and 62 men have contributed their talents to the project. The men had amassed a total of 1,515 man-hours.

SEATTLE NISEI GO SELF SUPPORTING

Chairman Tak Kuriyama of the Commission on Finance of the Seattle Japanese Methodist Church, Nisei Division, released some good news when he reported to Superintendent Taro Goto that the church would be self-supporting by Annual Conference. The other completely self-supporting churches in the Conference are Livingston, Santa Maria, Los Angeles, West Los Angeles, San Francisco, Ontario, Seattle (Issei) and Spokane.

Churches still receiving aid monthly are Sacramento, Florin, Alameda, Berkeley, Denver, Bakersfield, Dinuba, Fresno, East Idaho, Loomis, Oakland, Oxnard, Portland, Riverside, El Monte, San Jose, Tacoma, Wapato, Walnut Grove, Palo Alto and Mesa, Ariz.

Outstanding program planned for the Annual Session on June 22nd to 28th by the largest church in the Conference

"The most outstanding Conference yet," is the report coming from the Centenary Methodist Church in Los Angeles, California, the scene of this year's 15th Annual Session of the Pacific Japanese Provisional Annual Conference. Bishop Donald Harvey Tippett will preside over the Conference that begins on Tuesday, June 22, ending on the 28th. Ministers and delegates from thirty-two Methodist Churches will be present, coming from as far east as Denver, Colorado, and from as far north as Seattle, Washington. Superintendent Taro Goto will lead the preliminary sessions from Tuesday through Thursday. This Conference marks the 55th session of the Pacific Japanese Mission, which became the Provisional Conference prior to the Second World War. Hotel Embassy at Grand and Ninth Street has been designated as the official hotel. All sessions and meetings will be at the Centenary Methodist Church, which is located at 35th and South Normandie.

One of the "highlights" of the week-long confab will be the appearance of Judge John Aiso, who will speak on the topic, "Laws Are Not Enough." Mr. Aiso will be the main speaker on Laymen's Day, which is set for Saturday, June 26th. He is an appointee of Governor Earl Warren to the Municipal Courts of Los Angeles. As a Christian layman, he has been an active member of the Hollywood Beverly Christian Church and served for many years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Church Federation of Los Angeles. A graduate of Brown University and Harvard Law School, Aiso served as a Major in the United States Army Intelligence during World War II.

For a mid-week mass meeting, one of the leading Methodist ministers in America, Dr. Everett W. Palmer of the First Methodist Church of Glendale, California, has been engaged to speak. Dr. Palmer leads a church of over 3,200 members and which is noted for its famous choirs.

Devotions and order of business during the official session will be conducted by our Bishop Donald H. Tippett. The whole Conference awaits each year the Bishop's Sunday morning sermon, as well as the reading of appointments. Before he was elected Bishop in 1948, he was minister of the First Methodist Church, Los Angeles, succeeding Roy L. Smith.

Other Addresses

Other significant addresses scheduled are: "Youth and Church School Work" by James McGiffin, Director of Christian Education of the Hawaii Mission; "Methodist Men" by Leroy Vaughan, Los Angeles Metropolitan District Lay Leader; "Stewardship of Possessions" by Henry Meyer of the H. P. Demand Company. Mrs. T. Yamasaki and Mrs. Edna Shiota will chairman the Issei and Nisei Women's Conference. The Issei and Nisei Boards of Lay Activities will meet under the guidance of Mr. K. Nozawa and Mr. Kazuo Saito.

Pausing at the Fountain-

by Rev. Victor Fujiu
The Christian Fellowship
Methodist Church

The woman must have been caught completely by surprise. She had come to the town well for a supply of water and there sat a stranger. And the chance meeting completely changed her life.

First of all, the man spoke to her. This was extraordinary in itself for he was a Jew and she a Samaritan, and the two races were known to hate each other.

Then the man told her about water that was not in the well. "Living water," he had said. She didn't quite understand what he was saying. Where was this "living water" which was not in the town well.

And the answer came back: "Anyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but anyone who drinks the water that I will give him will never be thirsty, but the water that I will give him will become a spring of water within him, bubbling up for eternal life."

The woman began to understand. Her heart and lips cried out, "give me this water, sir, so that I may never by thirsty,..." Her parched lips had sought refreshment at the waters of earth and flesh, but she was not satisfied. Only after a deep draft of this "spring of water....bubbling up for eternal life" was her thirst quenched.

This account of the Samaritan woman in chapter four of the book of John is the story of all of us who have found in God a source of never-ending cleansing and fruitfulness.

Where is this fountain today? Where do we find God, the fountain of our vital energies?

In worship? Yes. In the fellowship of the church? Surely. But in other places, too. How about a conscientious attention to the religious values in family living? Maybe also participation in those agencies of society which bring healing to minds and bodies; and respect and cooperation among racial groups. Possibly a new look at our jobs would be fruitful. How do they look in the light of Christian values?

By these and other means, under the sensitive guidance of Christ, we can "pause at the fountain." Indeed, the "living water" becomes a fountain within us.

Chaplain (Major) Samuel A. C. Grove and his assistant, Pfc. George Nishikawa, pose in front of their Army chapel. George, who hails from Sacramento, plans to enter the ministry.

SMITHS CELEBRATE 50th ANNIVERSARY

The entire Conference rejoiced and extended their sincere best wishes to our beloved friends and former superintendent, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Herron Smith, as they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 24th. A reception was held at their home, 421 North Kenwood in Glendale, California. The Smiths were married on December 24, 1903, in a Methodist parsonage in Fort Scott, Kansas. The officiating clergyman, the Rev. Morris Banford, was the father of the bride.

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Kansas University, Dr. Smith enrolled at Garrett Biblical Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. While in seminary, he served as minister of the Brighton Park Methodist Church in Chicago. In 1905 they were appointed missionaries to Japan, where they served at Nagoya and Nagasaki for nine years. At Nagasaki, Dr. Smith became the president of Chinzei Gakuin, the school destroyed by the atom bomb.

In 1914 Dr. Smith was appointed superintendent of the Methodist mission work among the Japanese in Korea and Manchuria, and was stationed in Seoul, Korea. In 1926 the Smiths were called home to America and were put in charge of the Japanese Mission work in ten western states. Through his inspirational leadership and sacrifice, Methodism grew and became a bulwark in every Japanese community on the West Coast. Not only did the Conference and its churches flourish in those pre-war years, but many men were called to the Christian ministry through his influence.

During the crucial years of the war and evacuation, Dr. Smith waged a one man crusade not only for the Japanese Methodists, but for all American Japanese. He gave himself without any regards to personal comfort and safety. Shouldering the problems and anxieties of a whole race of people proved too strenuous on his heart. Dr. Smith became ill in 1945, and the Provisional Conference lost their faithful pilot through his retirement in 1946. Being retired from the active ministry has not meant idleness to the Smiths. Since 1946, thousands of gift parcels have been sent to Japan and Korea through their personal efforts.

Just last year the couple moved to the Glendale home after living 27 years in Berkeley, California. It was a heartbreaking transfer, as both ministers and laymen of the Conference had come to find the Berkeley home a place of welcome and strength. By living in Glendale it has made it possible for the two to be near their three married children.

NEWS of the ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A Viewlex combination slide and film-strip projector was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Willie Sakai to the Sacramento Church. For Christmas, the Sunday School teachers of Sacramento gave the Sunday School 800 colored slides covering the entire Bible.

Card and envelope racks have been purchased and installed at the Denver, Colorado Church. The cards will be used as guest register, and to relay information to the ministers. The church has also set up an Altar Fund established to buy equipment for the sanctuary and to improve its appearance. Contributions to it are made in memory of someone or to commemorate an occasion. Carl Amano is the special treasurer.

The Young Adults of the Southern California District chose Shig Ochi of Centenary Church as their new chairman. Vice chairman is Kay Tokeshi, of El Monte and Rose Kuwano of W. L. A., the secretary. Yosh Befu of Centenary was re-installed as the treasurer.

New 1955 Nisei Stewards of the Ontario Community Methodist Church are Frank Harano, Walter Fuchigami, Virginia Sakata, Shigeru Nishida, Yukio Yano, Sam Wakasugi and Mary Wakasugi.

The Sacramento Church recently bought a car for $2649. The Loomis Church has acquired a new Chevrolet.

The Berkeley Church put on a Car Fund Movie in May and netted $706.75 towards a church car.

The Spokane church served over 1,000 customers at their two nights of Suki-yaki in April. The church paraded their children's choir of twenty voices at Easter.

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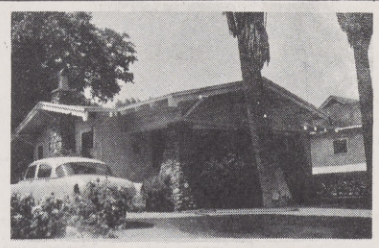


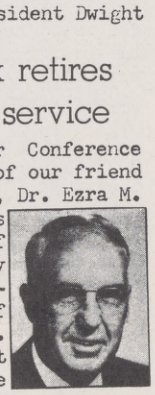
Above is the new San Jose parsonage and 1954 model church car. According to Rev. F. Hayashi, the church paid $4300.00 down and pay $50.00 a month.

Purdue Conference Beckons K. SAITO

One of the outstanding laymen of all the Methodist Churches in America will be representing our Conference at the National Conference of Methodist Men, which will be held on July 9, 10, 11, at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. That layman is none other than Kazuo Saito, our Conference Lay Chairman. This nation-wide get-together under the theme, "Methodist Men Work For Christ," will not only gather the important laymen of the land but tentatively scheduled is the appearance of President Dwight Eisenhower.

Dr. Ezra Cox retires from active service

News comes to our Conference of the retirement of our friend and trusted servant, Dr. Ezra M. Cox. Dr. Cox retires from the position of associate secretary of the Board of Missions' Division of National Missions. He supervised not only our Japanese churches but also the Spanish speaking Chinese, Filipino and Korean churches in the United States.



Mr. Cox

Bay District Officers

At the recent Bay District Methodist Lay Conference, Duncan Iwagaki of San Jose was elected District Lay Leader. Tom Haratani of Alameda will serve as treasurer and Toshi Tekawa of Berkeley as secretary.

Denver Cornelians

The new officers for the Cornelians of the California Street Methodist Church in Denver, Colorado, are as follows: Jean Fujimoto, president; Masako Furuta, vice president; Toshi Tanaka, corresponding secretary; Kiyo Hanamura, recording secretary; Ethel Yanase, treasurer.

San Francisco

San Francisco Pine Methodist Church proudly announces their new Stewards in Kay Awaya, George Hirano, Kunio Ishii, Don Iwahashi, May Kakebe, Wallace Nunotani, June Ohara, Arthur Okuno, Edna Shiota, Jutaro Shiota, Masao Tsubota, and Stanley Tsuchiya.

Pacific Advance

The Pacific Advance wishes to thank Peter and Joseph Osuga of Sacramento, California, for their $2.00 donation. Also, the Staff is grateful to the many folks who have purchased ads to support the paper. Min Kanazawa, Business Manager, reports that $100 has been paid on the debt, leaving a balance of $50.

REPORT TO LAYMEN IN ALL THE CHURCHES

by Kazuo Saito
Conference
Lay Chairman

As the church year draws to a close and the delegates set their eyes towards the Annual Conference, we are reminded as Nisei laymen of the following responsibilities. First, the activity that takes priority in our Layman's organization of the conference is the Retired Minister's Fund. It has been given top importance because of the urgency for sustaining and supporting our retired ministers who have given the best years of their lives in establishing His Kingdom to the best of their abilities and to show our gratitude and sincerity of spirit, we truly urge you to appeal to your people for a free will offering to this great cause.

The second important emphasis this year is the Nisei Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund. There are some very capable young Nisei men who wish to enter into the ministry but do not have adequate funds. If we are to sustain our churches with proper ministerial leadership, it is up to us as laymen of our churches to lend a helping hand. This is an excellent form of stewardship for leymen to undertake. May we urge you to set aside one Sunday for the collection of such funds.

We continue to emphasize upon those churches who have not as yet contributed towards the lay activity program of the conference. As was suggested and past at the last conference, that each member was to contribute $1.00 per year for this purpose. To this day we have not had the cooperation needed for the promotion of our activities. Please send all contributions to Tsuguo Ikeda, Conference Treasurer, 1920 Jackson Street, Seattle 44, Washington.

Last but not least, we wish to inform you that Centenary Methodist Church will be waiting to welcome you as delegates to our annual conference. We have a program in the making that will surpass any that has been presented. From the opening day there will be programs scheduled for you in the way of fellowship, southern hospitality and spiritual enrichment.

CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE HONORS WLA CHURCH

A Certificate of "Excellence" was recently presented to the West Los Angeles Community Methodist Church by the Christian Advocate, the official Methodist Church publication. Signed by Bishop Donald H. Tippett and Dr. T. Otto Nall, the editor, the award commended the church for having all the Official Board members subscribing to the Christian Advocate. The W. L.A. Church has the high rate of 32 subscriptions at the present time. Much credit for the outstanding response goes to Elmer Uchida, the Advocate chairman of the group. Dr. Kei Sasaki is the minister.

I Go to Church

BECAUSE I AM HUMAN

RACHAEL GRACE RICHARDSON

(This prize winning essay, which appeared in the January 21, 1954, issue of the Christian Advocate, is reprinted with the permission of its Editor.)

Being Human, I am weak. I am weak in will, weak in purpose, weak in faith. The only sure antidote for my weakness is the Original Source of Strength. To find it, I go to church.

Being Human, I am lonely. I am lonely for human comradeship; I am lonely for spiritual companionship; I am lonely for divine company on my road through life. To find them, I go to church.

Being Human, I am wandering. I waver between choices; I vacillate between indulgences and obligations; I flounder among conflicting desires and duties. To find the way to steady my course, I go to church.

Being Human, I am insufficient. I am only partly adequate; I am only partly realized; I am only partly become. To find my fuller sufficiency, I go to church.

Being Human, I am unsatisfied. I am not quite content with material things only; I am not quite filled with material pleasures solely; I am not quite at peace with material offerings exclusively. To find a deeper satisfaction, I go to church.

Being Human, I lack confidence. I am consumed by doubts; I am harassed by fears; I am staggered by the weight of responsibilities. To find full confidence by the assurance I do not stand alone, I go to church.

Being Human, I must work. I cannot work well without ever-present help; I cannot work well without values not based on money; I cannot work well without regular renewal of visions of greater attainments yet possible. To find these visions, I go to church.

Being Human, I am frightened. I am frightened by my own weaknesses; I am frightened by my responsibilities; I am frightened by my tomorrows. To find a safe hiding place, I go to church.

Being Human, I influence others. I am to someone unknown a book to be read; I am to someone unknown an example to be copied; I am to someone unknown a help or a hindrance. Lest I be a worthless book, lest I be an ill-worked example, lest I prove stumbling block rather than step, I go to church.

Being Human, I am called. I am called to witness in daily performance; I am called to witness in private living; I am called to worship in public service. To answer the call, I go to church.

Being Human, I am taught by others. I am the daughter of Christian parents; I am the granddaughter of Christian leaders; I am the great-granddaughter of Christian pioneers. To keep my precious heritage secure, I go to church

Being Human, I am hungry. I am hungry for earthly leading; I am hungry for spiritual comfort; I am hungry for eternal reassurance. To satisfy my hungers, I go to church.

KANTO GAKUIN HI-Y, YOKOHAMA

Rev. Joseph Sakakibara, our Nisei Missionary in Japan, is found in the midst of some interested young people of the Kanto Gakuin Hi-Y in Yokohama. The Nisei Laymen of the Conference help support him with $15.00 a month.

Sakakibara *Writes . .*

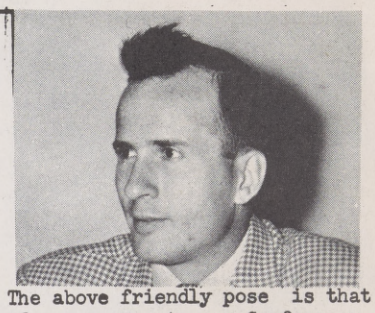
by Tsuguo Ikeda
Conference
Lay Treasurer

The work that Rev. Joseph Sakakibara is doing now has shifted from Tokyo to Nikko, which is one of the strongest Shinto centers of Japan. Joseph writes, "Evangelism is not easy, but then it is a challenge and I enjoy it. Besides it, I will continue my work at the mission school in Yokohama.

During April, the Kanto area Hi-Y Conference was held in Yokohama, with 60 young people. These Hi-Y members decided on a building program--a Center for the religious life and activities of the school and community. The cost will be 1,500,000 yen or $4,157.00.

If a "wishing well" for this first Hi-Y Center in Japan can be done by all the churches in the Conference, we should be able to help the young people of Yokohama. Set aside the month of July to collect the funds and send the amount to me. As your treasurer, I will forward the total amount to Mr. Sakakibara.

He appreciates your continued support in paying his salary of $15 a month. I also want to thank you for your interest in the missionary work of this worker of God.



The above friendly pose is that of a newcomer to our Conference. Mr. Winston H. Taylor, is director of the San Francisco Area, Methodist Public Relations Commission. He Will attend the sessions to provide news coverage for the local press and to secure material for the Christian Advocate. Also, the director with the help of Harold Sparks, will produce a 15-minute radio program about the Conference.

Tacoma Officers

The Tacoma Nisei W.S.C.S. are set for the coming year with this versatile cabinet: Hiroko Tsuboi, president; Mary Takagi, vice president; Tokie Arai, secretary; Fumi Inouye, treasurer.

Nisei Treasurers Report

FINANCIAL REPORT, NISEI LAYMEN

June 1, 1953 to June 1, 1954

Income

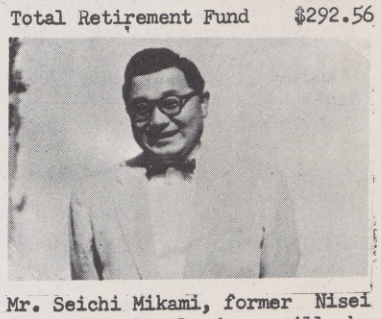
Balance brought forward		$ 33.34
June 8	Tom Nakashima --	3.00
June 16	John Takeuchi --	5.00
Nov. 27	N.W. Laymen Conf.	31.43
Dec. 8	Oxnard Church --	5.00
Jan. 9	Sacramento Ch. --	10.00
Jan. 11	N.W. Laymen Conf.	25.00
Jan. 21	W. Tenth Ch. and Berkeley United	35.05
Jan. 30	San Jose Church -	24.20
Feb. 15	Kazuko Tokashi --	2.00
Feb. 22	Centenary Church--	61.00
Mar. 6	Kazuko Tokashi --	5.00
Mar. 23	Centenary Church--	20.00
Mar. 31	Ontario Church --	33.50
Apr. 1	Kazuko Tokashi --	4.00
Apr. 9	Centenary Church--	1.00
May 3	Denver Church --	15.00
May 5	Centenary Church--	3.00
May 7	Kazuko Tokashi --	4.00
May 16	Sacramento Ch. --	10.00
May 17	Rev. J. Fujimori-	15.00
May 22	El Monte M. Y. F.-	1.00
	Total Income --	$346.52

Expense

Salary of Rev. Joseph Sakakibara September 15, 1953 through May 26, 1954 --	$197.00
Total Income	$346.52
Total Expense	197.00
Nisei Laymen Fund Balance	$149.52

Retirement Fund

Balance brought forward		$ 69.50
Sept. 27	Centenary Church Adult Fellowship--	48.06
Sept. 27	J. Takeuchi --	5.00
May 16	Sacramento Ch. --	10.00
May 17	Rev. J. Fujimori--	10.00
May 23	Seattle Church --	150.00
Total Retirement Fund		$292.56



Mr. Seichi Mikami, former Nisei Conference Lay Leader, will be the Official Nisei Lay delegate from the Fresno church.

Superintendent and Mrs. Taro Goto, ready for the 1954 Annual Conference, after two weeks of evangelism in Hawaii.

CONFERENCE Schedule

Friday, June 25

9:00 a.m.
Opening Worship and Communion
Bishop Donald Harvey Tippett,
Assisting: T.Goto, Y. Yamaka, J. C. Kono.

10:00 a.m.
Organization of Conference, Roll Call, Election, Passing of Characters, Introductions, Reports by Supt. Taro Goto; Assts. T.J. Machida, J. Fujimori, F. Hayashi, W. Oyanagi, J. K. Sasaki.

11:00 a.m.
Ministers' Wives Meeting

Noon Luncheon
Host: Mr. and Mrs. M. Tajima

1:30 p.m. Reports
Board of Evangelism, Advance Specials, World Peace and Social Relations, Public Relations Committee.

3:00 p.m. Recess and Tea
Centenary Issei W.S.C.S.

3:30 p.m. Reports
Board of Education, American Bible Society, Com. on Town and Country, Temperance Com. Historical Society, Audit.

6:00 p.m. Recognition Banquet
Host: Centenary
at First Methodist Church

Saturday, June 26

9:00 a.m. Reports: Introductions Bd. of Missions & Church Extension, Ministerial Qualifications, Scholarship, Conference Relations, Conference Claimants, World Service and Finance Committee, Publications, Statistician.

Another national Methodist Men's Charter was presented to our Conference, when the Seattle men organized and joined the many other official men's group in the land. Eddie Shimomura, first president, received the Charter from Harry Meyers and John Scott of the Seattle District. The other officers are Hiram Akita, vice president; Roy Tanagi, secretary; Min Kanazawa, treasurer; Tak Kuriyama, District representative.

Conference SESSIONS

Noon Luncheon - Hosts: Southern California Dist. Issei WSCS

1:30 p.m. Lay Activities
Nisei: Opening Devotional
"Methodist Men in Operation"
Leroy Vaughn, L.A. Lay Leader

Recess

"Stewardship of Possessions"
H. Meyer of H.P. Demand Co.

Movie: "The Hidden Heart."

Woman's Soc. of Chr'n Service
President Mrs. Jutaro Shiota

6:00 p.m. Dinner
Nisei: Centenary--Nisei WSCS
Issei: Downtown

7:30 p.m. Nisei Woman's Society
Nisei Lay Activities: Service
"Laws Are Not Enough"
Lay Speaker: Judge John Aiso

8:30 p.m. Fellowship Hour

Sunday, June 27

10:30 a.m. Conference Worship
And Ordination
Preaching-Bishop D.H. Tippett
Presiding-Rev. John Yamashita

Noon Photograph of Conference
Box Luncheon

2:00 p.m. Annual Meetings
Board of Lay Activities
Issei Chairman--K. Nozawa
Nisei Chairman--Kazuo Saito
Woman's Soc. of Chr'n Service
Issei Chm.-Mrs. H. Yamasaki
Nisei Chm.-Mrs. Edna Shiota

4:00 p.m. Final Session--Reports Conf. Bd. of Lay Activities, W.S.C.S., Nomination Committee, Resolutions Committee.

5:00 p.m.
Reading of the Appointments

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner

Monday, June 28

9:00 a.m. Morning Devotions
Message: Rev. Harry Murakami
Chairman: Rev. Wesley Yamaka

9:30 a.m. Planning Meeting
Board and Committee Meetings

10:30 a.m.
Planning Meeting in Districts

11:30 a.m. Closing Worship
Message: Supt. Taro Goto
Chairman: Rev. J. R. Fujii

Noon Farewell Picnic Luncheon
Issei W.S.C.S. of Centenary

Afternoon
Beach Party -- Playa Del Rey
Tour Time -- Forest Lawn
Knottsberry Farm

Alameda W.S.C.S.

The Alameda Nisei W. S. C. S. chose Nellie Takeda to be their president for the 54-55 term. Marge Mizokuchi is vice president; Yoshiye Okuda, secretary; Esther Sera, treasurer; Lee Towata, social relations.

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

Loomis Methodist Church

Epworth Methodist Church
Portland, Oregon

Walnut Grove Methodist Church

FIRST RETREAT AT GILROY SPRINGS

Under the sponsorship of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications of the Annual Conference, the first Ministers' Retreat was undertaken last January at the Gilroy Hot Springs, for study, fellowship and meditation. According to the superintendent's report, this initial venture was both successful and helpful. Dr. J. K. Sasaki was responsible for the program planning and the managership of the camp was under Rev. Francis Hayashi.

Some of the interesting seminars and their leaders were as follows: "What the Methodist Believes" by Rev. J. Yamashita. "The Pastor's Devotional Life and Discipline," by Rev. Y. Yamaka. "Recent Theological Trends," by Rev. J. C. Kono. "Pastoral Counseling" by Dr. J. K. Sasaki. "New Testament Research" by Rev. C. Horikoshi. "Religious Education," Rev. L. Wake. "Church Administration," Supt. Taro Goto. "Christianity vs. Communism," by Rev. J. Fujimori.

Laboratory Schools:

HELP TEACHERS

James McGiffin, Director of Youth Work in both the Hawaii Mission and the Pacific Japanese Provisional Conference, has been making the rounds on the mainland since May 23rd, carrying on in 13 different churches. Beginning with the West Tenth Methodist Church in Oakland, Mr. McGiffin will have visited these churches before the Annual Conference: Berkeley, Alameda, San Francisco, Palo Alto, Sacramento, Ontario, Spokane, Seattle, Portland, Dinuba, and Fresno. Besides fulfilling this schedule, he will be one of the main speakers at the Annual Conference, speaking on "Youth Work."

PALO ALTO

Iwao Sano will preside over the Palo Alto Adult Fellowship for the coming year. Sano will be assisted by Toshi Fujikawa, Sachi Yoshida, Kimi Tsukushi and George Aihara.

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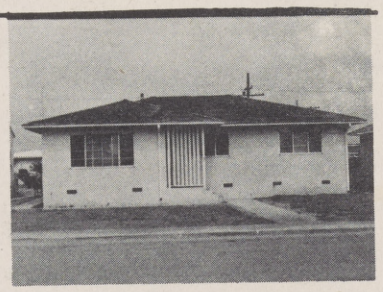

NEW PARSONAGE

No matter how small the church or town, wherever there are dedicated laymen, great things have been accomplished. This is proven by the above photo of the beautiful 3-bedroom parsonage of the Oxnard Methodist Church. Bishop Donald Tippett dedicated the building last November 29, 1953, on the Church's Fiftieth Anniversary.

This Oxnard manse will be one of the best furnished parsonages in the Conference, as it is equipped with new and modern conveniences and furnishings.

Not only did this group raise $6,000 among themselves, but put in most of the labor to construct the home. Layman Kiyomi Yanaginuma, contractor, supervised the volunteer crews. Mr. W. Takasugi directed the successful financial campaign. The largest single contribution from a layman for this project was a $1,000 gift.

Centenary's

Centenary's Youth Director, Frank Roper, recently installed the new Senior MYF cabinet. Linda Machida will serve as president; Amy Okamoto and Ronnie Iino, the girl and boy vice presidents; Dale Tsuji, secretary; and Keiko Kuida, treasurer.

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